

Hoffman Estates Citizen

March - April 2022

Village creates new Public Safety Advisory Commission

In an effort to enrich relationships with the community, the Police Department is forming a Public Safety Advisory Commission this year.



The new commission, which the Village Board approved in February, aims to promote an open, two-way conversation between community members and law enforcement. Residents and business owners appointed to serve on the seven-member commission will share their experiences and community input with the Police Department. They will also learn about law enforcement operations and share key takeaways with their neighbors. At the same time, Village police officers will learn more about concerns in Hoffman Estates.

The Police Department always seeks ways to connect with the community and nurture public trust. This new commission creates another opportunity to do just that. Those appointed to serve will meet monthly with law enforcement to discuss timely and controversial topics and general issues. In addition to having thoughtful and objective conversations, they will also provide suggestions to the Department on how to increase community engagement, especially for underserved areas.

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Growing to Greenness!

Electronics recycling begins in April

As of 2012, electronic items are banned from Illinois landfills. To assist residents with collecting old or unwanted electronics and ensure environmentally safe recycling of these materials, the Village is resuming its weekly drop-off collection program starting Monday, April 4. This program, run in cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will continue through November. There is no charge to residents, but all recycling must come from households.



Location: Village Hall (follow the signs)
1900 Hassell Road
Mondays: 10 a.m. to noon.

Only a specific list of items will be accepted for drop off, including computers (PCs, laptops and tablets), computer components (monitors, keyboards, mouse devices, drives, etc.), TVs, VCRs, DVD players, fax machines, MP3 players, printers, scanners and video game consoles. Visit www.swancc.org for a full list of accepted items.

Residents from all SWANCC communities are eligible to participate, and IDs will be checked. Please do not drop off electronics outside of the posted dates and times. Electronics from businesses, churches or schools will not be accepted. Remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes prior to dropping them off. Thank you for your cooperation!

Visit www.hoffmanestates.org/garbage for additional information about recycling and waste collection.

Historian's notebook

Once upon a time and long before fairies settled in our area, a group of early Hoffman Estates settlers decided that their empty, open yards needed trees, shrubs, flowers and grass to improve the dusty, sometimes muddy, areas surrounding their homes. They needed help from one another since they all had the same problem of having dirt everywhere.

On May 8, 1957, the Hoffman Estates Garden Club had their first meeting at Betty Heinzelmann's home. The guest speaker was Carl Klehm of Klehm's Nursery, so help was on the way! Carl spoke of planting shrubbery, perennials and annuals. Seeding lawns was also discussed. Klehm's Nursery was a wonderful place to purchase whatever you needed for your garden and was well known for its beautiful and varied peonies.

The Garden Club is the oldest continuous club in Hoffman Estates and was established even before the Village was incorporated. Homes built by early-developer F & S Construction didn't come with sod or seeding options, so shrubs and trees had to be planted by the homeowners. Parcel A was developed in 1955 with people moving into their homes in 1956. The area also didn't have sidewalks or a parkway, just the street passing in front of their home.

The smell of growing corn drifted over the newly built homes as farms surrounded the entire area. The Garden Club members and neighbors set to work putting in lawns, trees and shrubs. During meetings, the club invited guest speakers and spent much time sharing successes and bringing up common problems. As the Village continued

to grow, the corn fields and farms slowly disappeared.

The Hoffman Estates Garden Club continues to help solve gardening problems and also offers opportunities to go on field trips to learn about pruning and tree selection. Garden walks and occasional plant exchanges are also offered. The Garden Club will celebrate 65 years of service to the community this year.

For more information go to www.hoffmanestatesgardenclub.com.

Thanks to the many years we've had the Hoffman Estates Garden Club, the fairies have also been longtime residents in our backyard gardens.

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.

Village creates new Public Safety Advisory Commission

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Both residents and business owners will serve as commissioners to ensure a variety of voices are included. Two students will also participate as non-voting members, one from Hoffman Estates High School and one from Conant High School. As the Public Safety Advisory Commission comes together over the next several months, be sure to visit the Village website at www.hoffmanestates.org/news for updates.

Applications to serve as a volunteer on the Public Safety Advisory Commission are being accepted on an ongoing basis. To learn more or apply, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/volunteer.



Spring branch pickup begins April 25

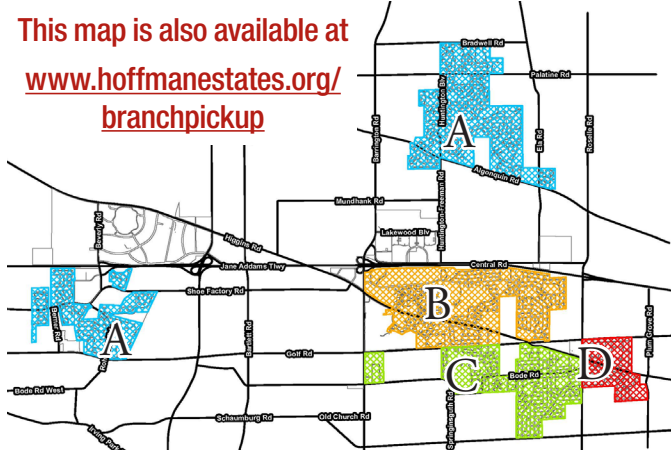
Hoffman Estates' free curbside spring tree branch pickup program begins Monday, April 25. This program is for residents covered by the Village refuse collection contract.

Please note that only one collection pass will be made for each street with no exceptions. If branches are too large, are mixed with unacceptable materials or have not been prepared properly, they will not be picked up.

The branch pickup collection schedule is:

- A. Beginning April 25:** All streets north of the Tollway (I-90). All streets west of Route 59.
- B. Beginning May 2:** All streets within the boundaries north of Golf Road, south of the Tollway, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road.
- C. Beginning May 9:** All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road.
- D. Beginning May 16:** All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Roselle Road and west of Plum Grove Road.

This map is also available at www.hoffmanestates.org/branchpickup



Public Works crews WILL accept:

- Tree branches no larger than 8 inches in diameter or 10 feet in length
- Shrub trimmings and similar brush
- Branches from willow trees if separated from other materials

Public Works crews will NOT accept:

- Tree trunks, stumps or root balls
- Firewood
- Railroad ties or landscape timbers
- Grass clippings, leaves, sod, plants or yard waste

On the first date of pickup listed for your area, neatly stack branches at the curbside by 7 a.m. Face the cut ends toward the street. Please do not tie branches in bundles or place in any container. Do not allow branches to protrude into the street or block sidewalks.

While supplies last, free woodchips will be available to residents at the Village's Fleet Maintenance facility, 2405 Pembroke Avenue, during daylight hours after 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during daylight hours on weekends. Please bring your own containers.

If you have any questions or are interested in free large truckload deliveries of wood chips, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



A message from Mayor McLeod

Spring is just around the corner, and this issue is packed with information about upcoming events and other important Village updates. You can also sign up to receive the newsletter electronically by visiting the Village website and providing your email address. Don't miss out!

While the last few months have been cold, there was no shortage of warmth and care shown by our residents, students, businesses and Village employees through our Valentine's Day card collection! Over 1,000 cards were handcrafted and donated to bring joy to the Village's seniors, hospital staff and nonprofit organizations. The donations were even featured on WGN News. Thank you to everyone who participated in what has become a fun annual event.



I also want to congratulate two amazing high school cheer teams for their recent accomplishments. Hoffman Estates High School Coed Cheer Team made it to day two of the State Championship for the first time in history. Once known as underdogs, this team has proven to be a fierce competitor. Conant Coed Cheer also competed and took home 4th Place in the State Championships. The hard work of the coaches and student athletes of both teams have certainly paid off! Well done, kids!

Do you have a question or concern for the Mayor's Office? Contact me anytime at bill.mcLeod@hoffmanestates.org or call 847-815-3842.

Bill McLeod



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Community briefs

2022 residential garbage rate increase

Effective May 1, there will be a \$1 per month rate increase for residential garbage (refuse) service. This increase does NOT apply to the senior rate. The Village has not increased this service rate for the last 18 years, but due to rising costs, a minimal price increase was necessary. The new rate will be \$17 per month or \$18 per month with a toter. The senior rate will remain at \$6 per month. Residents will see this increase on their May 2022 bills.



New water/wastewater assistance program for low income households

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is now available to assist customers experiencing economic hardship with water and wastewater utility bills. This new program offers one-time assistance with water/sewer reconnections, disconnection prevention, past due balances, disconnection fees or late fees. LIHWAP will run through September 31, 2023, or until funds are exhausted. For more information on LIHWAP and other assistance programs, visit www.helpillinoisfamilies.com. To apply for assistance, call the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County at 800-571-2332 or visit www.CEDAorg.net/sites.

Yard waste collection resumes April 4

Residents are reminded that grass clippings, plant material and leaves must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags during pickups by Groot. Bags cannot exceed 45 pounds, and a yard waste disposal sticker must be affixed to each bag. Yard waste stickers are available at Village Hall, local stores and online at both www.groot.com and www.hoffmanestates.org/yardwaste.

An annual subscription for unlimited yard waste pickup is also available through Groot.

Call 800-244-1977 for more information.



Save the date: Build-a-Birdhouse

The Sustainability Commission, in partnership with Carpenters Local 58, invites you to Build-a-Birdhouse on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue. Look for additional info in the May/June Citizen, and keep an eye on the Village website to pre-register!



Garden Plot sign up begins April 4 at 8:30 a.m.

Beginning Monday, April 4, residents may rent plots in the community gardens for \$25. There are two garden plot locations in the Village: north at Mumford Drive and Westbury Drive, or south at Volid Drive and Vista Lane. Plot assignments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a garden plot, call Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@hoffmanestates.org beginning April 4 at 8:30 a.m. Calls or emails made before this time will not be accepted. Voicemails and emails collected after 8:30 a.m. will be accepted according to the date and time received.

When requesting a plot, be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email address and garden location (north or south). Residents will be able to reserve only one plot each. Requests for additional plots will be put on a waiting list and assigned only if space remains available after the initial sign-up. Plot assignment confirmations will be mailed or emailed to residents who provide an email address within the following week.

Spring hydrant flushing begins soon

Annual hydrant flushing is scheduled to begin the week of March 28 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. This 6-week program ensures delivery of the best water quality in the Village by circulating fresh water through the system. Watch for signs advising of the exact days that hydrant flushing will take place in your neighborhood. When flushing occurs in your immediate area, tap water may be temporarily discolored. Run the water for a few minutes to make sure it's clear before using. Also, be sure to check the water before doing laundry, as sediment may stain clothes.



Welcome new businesses!

Labcare

2500 W Higgins Road #235

Ziegler Reconditioning Center

1051 W Higgins Road

Midwest Therapy Partners

3100 W Higgins Road #175

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria

1407 Palatine Road

Essential COVID Care

1756 W Algonquin Road

Schwartz Pediatrics

990 Grand Canyon Parkway #120

Rapid Immediate Care

925 N Roselle Road

Windcity Pro Labs

1000 Grand Canyon Parkway #108D

Cardinal Financial Company LP

2360 Hassell Road #A

S D Services LLC

990 Grand Canyon Parkway #418

Linkspace

2000 Center Drive East #C221

Platinum Home Mortgage Corporation

2000 W Center Drive East #D403



Healthy body, healthy mind ... news from Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services offers health screenings, vaccines and preventative tests for both adults and children. Call 847-781-4850 to schedule!



Adult services and immunizations

- Blood pressure and pulse check: free!
- Diabetes (blood sugar): \$2
- Hemoglobin (anemia): \$3

To schedule health screenings, preventative tests, or affordable vaccines and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850.

Cholesterol Screening

This **FASTING** test measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels. It requires a small drop of blood. Results are immediate and include a consultation with a nurse. The cost is \$22.

Hemoglobin A1C screening

The hemoglobin A1C test is a simple finger stick to find out if you have diabetes or are at risk of developing diabetes. The test takes six minutes and the cost is \$15.

Children and Baby Clinics

The clinic has always used outstanding infection control policies and has instituted additional guidelines according to the Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Added safety measures help to ensure the health of patients, as well as to protect employees.



Health and Human Services is offering **individual appointment times** for each child and uses the following precautions:

- Appointments will be staggered to promote social distancing.
- A COVID-19 questionnaire will be answered by each individual.
- Temperature checks are performed prior to appointment time.

- Face coverings/masks are required for anyone over the age of 2.
- Only one parent per child while inside the office is encouraged.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the office for client use.
- All immunizations are discussed with families by nurses during a phone call before appointments.
- Credit card payments (if necessary) will be completed over the phone.
- Staff members are required to wear additional PPE.

Health and Human Services provides these important services to the community and asks that you do not hesitate to call with any questions at 847-781-4850. Information regarding clinics is also updated on the Health and Human Services website at www.hoffmanestates.org/HHS. To request an appointment, complete two forms on the website and email them, along with your immunization records, to HHS@hoffmanestates.org.



Flu Shots are still available for adults and children six months and older by appointment. Quadrivalent (4 strains) vaccines and high dose flu vaccines are available for seniors 65 and older. To access vaccine forms, visit www.hoffmanestates.org or call 847-781-4850 for more information.

For questions or to schedule an appointment for any of the services provided through Health and Human Services, call 847-781-4850.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

Spring is here, and so are solicitors! All solicitors that are approved by the Village MUST be wearing a Village-issued ID badge and have a blue and white license. No solicitors are allowed to approach a home that displays a "No Solicitors Invited" sticker. Residents can obtain a sticker free of charge at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. The Village allows solicitation between the hours of 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and non-profit solicitation (only) on Sundays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. or on state or national holidays. If you experience an unlicensed or over-aggressive solicitor, call 911 for the quickest response.

Contact the Village Clerk's office at 847-781-2625 or email the Clerk at bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org.

Composting is coming to Hoffman Estates!

Don't send food waste and paper towels to the landfill! Send them to a commercial composting facility where they can help cut greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the need for water, fertilizer and pesticides. Residents and businesses can sign up now for a subscription composting program with Collective Resource Compost. This Evanston-based company offers its container-swap service in more than 50 communities in the Chicagoland area, and the service is expanding to Hoffman Estates. A minimum of 25 new Hoffman Estates customers must enroll before pickups can begin.

Customers receive five-gallon buckets or 32-gallon totes for swap-outs every two (biweekly) or four weeks. Either size container can be shared with your neighbors, friends or relatives! Service is available to residential customers in both single-family homes and multi-unit dwellings like condos or apartments, as well as restaurants, schools, offices and institutions.

Composting cuts greenhouse gas emissions and when compost is added to our soil, it reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Because your food scraps will

be going to a commercial composting facility, "anything that was once alive" can be included. Vegetables, fruits, animal products and food-soiled paper can all be composted. Composting customers receive 10 gallons of complimentary finished compost each spring to use in their own gardens, bringing the process full-circle.

Visit www.collectiveresource.us today for more information and to sign up.



Changes to Simple Recycling "orange bag" program

Beginning in March, Simple Recycling will offer its textile recycling program by scheduled collection only. Weekly curbside service is no longer available. Residents interested in recycling textiles and home goods such as clothing, bedding, towels, etc., must schedule a pickup by visiting www.simplerecycling.com or calling 866-835-5068. Designated orange bags will no longer be offered; any bag or container may be used. Learn more at www.hoffmanestates.org/textiles.

Go green with renewable energy!

Recently, the Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission hosted an educational workshop on solar energy with a presentation by the Citizens Utility Board (CUB). CUB presented information about solar panel construction and installation, the potential benefits of solar and items for consideration for those interested in installing residential solar panels. CUB also discussed the Illinois Community Solar Program, an opportunity for homeowners to take advantage of power produced by solar panels without installing them on their property. A recording of this presentation is available online at www.hoffmanestates.org/solar.

The Illinois Community Solar Program allows residents to purchase power generated by large solar panel farms. Resident who agree to purchase electricity through this program receive a credit on their ComEd energy bill. Typical savings range from 10% to 20% per month. Interested residents can learn more about the Community Solar Program from CUB, including an informational video and other materials, on their website at www.citizensutilityboard.org/solar-in-the-community/.

Curbside Recycling Guidelines

Put in Recycling Cart LOOSE! - Empty & Clean



Glass
Bottles & Jars



Plastic
Bottles - Caps On Preferred,
Tubs, Jugs, Jars
No Bags, Film, or Foam



Metal
Steel & Aluminum
Depressurize Aerosols



Mixed Paper & Cartons
Flatten Boxes

DON'T Put in Recycling Cart!



**No Batteries,
Electronics,
or Sharps**



**No Plastic
Bags or Wrap**



**No Food, Liquids,
Diapers, or
Shredded Paper**



**No Clothing
or Shoes**



**No Hoses, Wires,
or Hangers**

Scan for FAQs:



swancc.org

Crime prevention through neighborhood watch

Did you know it takes a burglar eight to twelve minutes to be in and out of your home, or that a short conversation with someone at your front door can swindle you out of your life savings? Or that it takes just seconds for a burglar to smash the window of your parked car and grab your backpack or purse? It doesn't matter where you live; crime can happen anywhere!



As the weather gets warmer, “ruse burglaries” become more common. A ruse burglary occurs when a homeowner is distracted by an individual having a seemingly legitimate business purpose at their front door or in the front of the home. While the homeowner is preoccupied, a second subject enters the residence at a different location and removes valuables. Property that is easy to conceal, such as jewelry and cash, are typically taken, and criminals often target senior citizens.

Three elements need to be present for a crime to happen – desire, ability and opportunity. If everyone remains vigilant, at least one of the elements will not be present, and the crime can be prevented.

Although the Police Department frequently patrols residential neighborhoods, officers may not know of concerns unless they are reported. Work with the police, your neighbors, friends and family to stay “in the know” and report suspicious or criminal activity. Be sure to share information about what is happening so others can be on alert as well.

One opportunity for residents to share information and stay connected is by establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program. The only tools needed to kick-start a group are neighbors that are interested and willing to participate.

Start a watch group in five easy steps:

1. Recruit and organize as many neighbors as possible.
2. Call Officer Matt Park and schedule a meeting at 847-781-2880 or email matt.park@hoffmanestates.org.
3. Discuss community concerns and develop an action plan.
4. Create a communication plan.
5. Take action and hold neighborhood meetings and events, such as block parties.

As a reminder, the Police Department has partnered with Ring through the Neighbors app to make it easier for residents to share surveillance video with law enforcement when a crime occurs. The app allows its users to share photos, videos and information related to local crime and safety incidents, so that fellow residents can stay informed.

You do not need a Ring device to join Neighbors. Anyone with a smartphone can download the Neighbors App to receive updates and have the option to post photos or videos from any device. The app is available for free on iOS, Android and FireOS devices. Spread the word and always report criminal activity or emergency situations by calling 911 as soon as possible.

For any questions, call Officer Matthew Jones at 847-781-2873 or email Matthew.Jones@hoffmanestates.org.

Sister Cities presents Julia Child's story

The Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission is pleased to present Lynn Rymarz, historical storyteller, as she shares the story of Julia Child - “My Life in France.” Rymarz, a Schaumburg resident, has entertained audiences with her portrayals of historical women since 2005 and is also a children's author.

The Sister Cities Commission invites you to discover Julia Child, the American woman who became enamored with French cooking and all things French - and who went on to host “The French Chef” television program. Hear Julia's own words as she describes her love of French food and how she became determined to learn how to cook French cuisine. Those who attend this exciting program will learn that Julia's story isn't just about French cooking and cookbooks, as there were many surprising twists and turns in her life. You won't want to miss this program!

The event will take place Saturday, May 14, at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. The program will begin at 11 a.m. and there is a \$5 program charge. Reservations are required, and seating is limited. Please call Sue Lessen at 847-781-2606 between March 15 and April 15 to make a reservation. Program information can also be found on the Village website at www.hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities.



The Sister Cities Commission looks forward to welcoming you as we learn the real story of Julia Child. As Julia would say, “Bon Appétit!”

Please be prepared to follow COVID-19 mitigations that may be in place on May 14. This may include wearing a mask and showing proof of vaccination at the time of check-in.

2022 Street Project

The Village is investing more than \$6 million in infrastructure by rehabilitating 33 streets this year. These investments will benefit residents and businesses by improving neighborhoods with safe, serviceable streets and infrastructure for years to come.

Information packets will be mailed in March to all residents living within the project location limits before the work begins, which is planned in April and expected to be completed by the end of November. A full list of project locations is listed below

Reconstruction streets

- [Amherst Lane](#) from Gentry Road to Highland Boulevard
- [Campbell Lane](#) from Kingsdale Road to Fairmont Road
- [Cherry Court](#) from Westbury Drive to end of street
- [Evergreen Lane](#) from Jones Road to Dennison Road
- [Fir Court](#) from Chesapeake Drive to end of street
- [Hassell Circle](#) from Hassell Road to end of street
- [Hassell Place](#) from Hassell Road to end of street
- [Lakeside Plaza](#) from Hillcrest Boulevard to Hillcrest Boulevard
- [Westview Street](#) from Washington Boulevard to Osage Lane

Resurfacing streets

- [Bluebonnet Lane \(E\)](#) from Ash Road to Basswood Street
- [Burnham Drive](#) from Olmstead Drive to Amber Circle
- [Burning Bush Lane](#) from Huntington Boulevard to Crimson Drive
- [Cypress Court](#) from Pebble Beach Drive to end of street
- [Dixon Court](#) from Dixon Drive to end of street
- [Dixon Drive](#) from Winston Drive to Dixon Court
- [Elliott Drive](#) from Deer Valley Lane to Landers Drive
- [Jody Lane](#) from Randi Lane to Bode Road
- [Lafayette Lane](#) from Carleton Road to Hampton Road
- [Mallard Lane](#) from 1405 Mallard Lane to Falcon Lane
- [Maple Lane](#) from Western Street to Maywood Lane
- [McDonough Road](#) from Shotkoski Drive to end of street
- [McDonough Road](#) from Nicholson Drive to Shoe Factory Road
- [Mumford Court](#) from Mumford Drive to end of street
- [Mumford Drive](#) from Westbury Drive to Olmstead Drive
- [Newman Place](#) from Park Lane to Freeman Court
- [Newport Road \(N\)](#) from Frederick Lane to Hillcrest Boulevard
- [Oakmont Road \(N\)](#) from 1583 Oakmont Road to Higgins Road
- [Pebble Beach Court](#) from Pebble Beach Drive to end of street
- [Randi Lane](#) from Jody Lane to end of street
- [Thornbark Drive](#) from Palatine Road to Bradwell Road
- [Western Street](#) from Westview Street to Maple Lane
- [Westview Street](#) from Osage Lane to Milton Lane
- [Winding Trail Lane](#) from Whispering Trails Drive to Dogwood Drive

Visit www.hoffmanestates.org/roadconstruction for weekly updates on Village projects starting this spring, as well as information about other projects in the area. If you would like to be added to an email list for construction updates or have any project-related questions, call the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800 or email roadconstruction@hoffmanestates.org with "Street Project" in the subject line.

National Infant Immunization Week: April 25-May 2, 2022

National Infant Immunization Week highlights the importance of protecting young children from vaccine-preventable diseases. According to the Centers for Disease Control, there has been a decrease in childhood vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic. By following the recommended vaccine schedule, children will be protected from potentially serious diseases before they come in contact with them.

Don't miss or delay your child's routine vaccines. Health and Human Services (HHS) provides vaccines in a safe and efficient manner. Once you complete the

required forms online, a nurse will call you to discuss the vaccines that are due, answer any questions and schedule an individual appointment for your child. Nurses are trained to use "Comfort and Distraction Techniques" to help alleviate the pain and anxiety of immunizations.

Stay up-to-date with routine vaccines to protect your child's health and wellness. To schedule an appointment, please call HHS at 847-781-4850. For more information on infant vaccines, visit www.cdc.gov.



Fewer childhood vaccines have been given during the COVID-19 pandemic*

To avoid outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases and keep children protected, **vaccinations and well-child visits are essential**

*Compared with January-April, 2019

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Holocaust Remembrance Day

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is a day dedicated to honoring those who perished due to the atrocities of the Holocaust, as well as the sacrifices of survivors who endured unimaginable trauma to forge a path for the next generation. This day of remembrance promotes Holocaust education to address antisemitic incidents and the recent rise of Holocaust denialism. The dangers of prejudice, discrimination, antisemitism and dehumanization are also themes brought forth on this day, revealing the full range of human experiences and raising important considerations about what it means to be human.

Join the Health and Human Services Department on Thursday, April 28, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road, to interactively connect with survivors' experiences, lessons and the stories they have passed down to the next generation. Call 847-781-4850 for more information and to RSVP for the event.



Minority stress awareness

Stress is an everyday part of life that can impact one's mood, relationships and health. Stress not only impacts physical health but can impact mental health and emotional well-being. What is not as well known is that holding the identity of a minority (person of color, immigrant, etc.) and experiencing racism and/or discrimination can also cause stress. Minority stress is the negative impact that can be felt through instances of prejudice, injustice and mistreatment due to social status. Urennaya Okoro, pre-doctoral intern in the Health and Human Services Department, is extremely passionate about the impact culture has on the mind, body and relationships. During the month of March, Urennaya will be facilitating a visual media presentation to identify instances of minority stress and how it impacts physical and mental health.

If you are interested in participating in this event or to submit questions, email urennya.okoro@hoffmanestates.org for more information.

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and a reminder to start talking about prevention and screening with your doctor. Colorectal cancer, or CRC, is a disease of the colon or rectum, which are parts of the gastrointestinal tract. CRC is often preventable and highly treatable when detected early. The American Cancer Society recommends that adults without a family history begin screening at age 45. These screenings can help your doctor find polyps or cancer before there are any symptoms. Although a colonoscopy is the most well-known test, there are many other options for getting checked, and some can even be done at home. Start by taking the Colorectal Cancer Alliance's quiz to learn more about which screening options are best for you at quiz.getscreened.org/. For more information, visit www.ccalliance.org.

Alden Poplar Creek Resident Turns 101

Friends and family of Alden Poplar Creek resident, Marguerite Pickarz, along with Mayor McLeod, gathered at Alden to celebrate Marguerite's 101st birthday on January 21, 2022! Born on January 21, 1921, Marguerite was witness to Prohibition, the infamous Wall Street Crash of 1929, WW2, the Korean War and Vietnam. She was married for 36 years to her husband Fred, a WW2 veteran. Throughout her 101 years, she has enjoyed going out to eat, traveling, tennis, golfing, bowling, casino road trips and visiting with friends. Here's to a wonderful year ahead for Marguerite - we can't wait to help her celebrate 102!

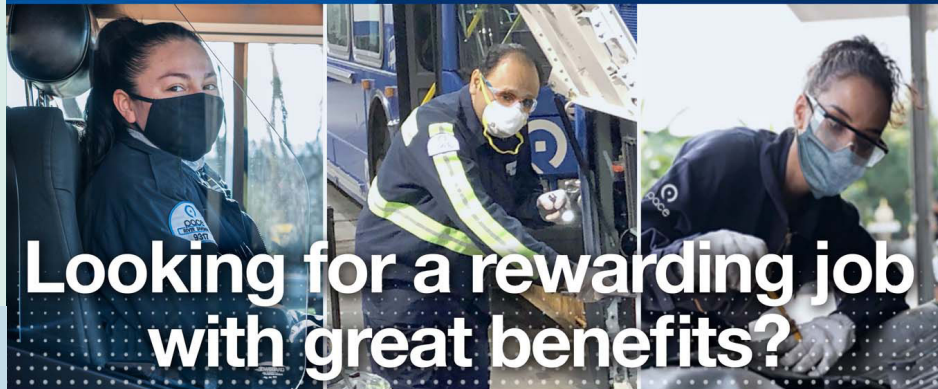


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Coffee with the Board



The next Coffee with the Board is on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. at the Village Hall. Ask questions and give comments to the Village of Hoffman Estates Board of Trustees.

Host families needed for French exchanges

The Sister Cities Commission is hosting a variety of French exchanges this year. The Village will be welcoming guests from our Sister City, Angoulême, France, and you are invited to participate. Host families are needed for our guests. Many Hoffman Estates families have opened their homes to our guests over the years, and our French friends have done the same for us. We want to continue this tradition of friendship and sharing of cultures. If you'd like to learn more about the exchanges being planned throughout the year, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/sistercities. If you are interested in becoming a host family for one of our exchanges, please contact Jill Wood-Naatz at 847-507-9724 or jill.woodnaatz@gmail.com

Internship Awareness Month

April is Internship Awareness Month. The Village has internships available on a yearly basis and celebrates the many benefits they offer to people as they consider their professional careers. Interns at the Village receive valuable job training and experiential learning while also providing services to our community. Please learn more about our current interns and their work:



Urennaya Okoro is a Doctoral Intern in Clinical Psychology for the Department of Health and Human Services. She is a fifth-year Clinical Psychology PsyD student at Alliant International University in Los Angeles. As an intern, Okoro wears many hats to carry out tasks that

meet the needs of our community. Clients she sees regularly include individuals, couples and families in therapy. Okoro and her co-intern are involved with the Health and Wellness Team in coordinating newsletters and programs to promote wellness among employees and community members. She conducts intakes for the Salvation Army Service Extension Program and for mental health services. Okoro also represents the department at community events, resource fairs and programs.



Justin Chu is a Doctoral Intern in Clinical Psychology for the Department of Health and Human Services. He is in his fifth year of a doctoral program in Clinical Psychology at Adler University in Chicago. He provides therapy services to individuals, couples and families, is

an intake coordinator for mental health services conducts psychological evaluations and interviews for the Salvation Army Service Extension Program. Justin works with his co-intern and department staff to develop community outreach events, programs and newsletters. He attends various community events and resource fairs to provide information on the wide variety of services that are offered.



Ashley Hines is a Public Works and Development Services intern. Ashley's internship is coordinated through the Northern Illinois University Master of Public Administration program. In her role, she is assisting in the drafting and planning of the Economic Development

Strategic Plan and the integration of the Public Works Department's asset management software, Cartegraph. Ashley also helps with many other items, such as drafting memos, and was heavily involved in the implementation of a monument sign at the Village Green.

To check for internship opportunities with the Village of Hoffman Estates, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/employment.

When to call 911 or HHS

The Fire Department and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are committed to improving the quality of life for all residents. Far too often, however, the Fire Department is called to help residents experiencing difficulties with daily tasks or movements in their homes. While these situations need and deserve assistance, calling the Fire Department prevents our first responders from being available for critical emergencies. It can also cause delays in care for people in life-threatening situations.

In an effort to keep Fire Department resources available for an emergency such as a fire or severe medical situation, please consider reaching out to HHS to provide referrals for in-home services and assistance with non-emergent care.

Together, the Fire Department and HHS can assist residents with emergency care and outpatient healthcare needs/referrals for services, including in-home physical and medical assistance.

Please see the following guidelines for department services and resources:

Fire Department Administration:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

- Smoke Detector installation
- Fire Safety questions or concerns

911: 24 hours-a-day

- Any emergency medical, fire or rescue need
- Any carbon monoxide alarm activation or odor of natural gas
- Any fall that requires medical evaluation, treatment and/or transport to the hospital (non-emergency lift assistance should be handled from a home health care service or means other than the Fire Department and 911)

Department of Health and Human Services:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Immunizations
- Health Screenings
- TB Testing
- Medical Equipment Loan Closet
- Individual/Couples/Family Counseling
- Community Education
- Pharmaceutical drugs and sharps recycling
- Referrals to home health care services and options for aid in non-emergency situations such as lift assistance
 - ◊ Kenneth Young Center (847-524-8800)
 - ◊ Access to Care (708-531-0680)
 - ◊ Age Options (708-383-0258 or 800-699-9043)

Please reach out to the Fire Department or HHS for further information regarding resources available to you in our community.

Contact:

- Fire Department, Chief Alan Wax, 847-843-4825
- Health and Human Services, Dr. Monica Saavedra, 847-781-4850

March - April calendar



All meetings are at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. For up-to-date information, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar.

March

Tuesday, March 1

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2

- Utility Commission, noon at PD
- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

*Sunday, March 6

- Veteran's Flag 76: Bruce C. Lind, Navy

Monday, March 7

- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 10

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

*Sunday, March 13

- Veteran's Flag 77: Paul C. Tuschinski, Army, Vietnam

Monday, March 14

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 17

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, March 20

- Veteran's Flag 78: Fred W. Kaminska, Army, WWII

Monday, March 21

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, March 27

- Veteran's Flag 79: Carleton W. Fish, USAF, Vietnam

Monday, March 28

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.



Village Board meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

The General Administration and Personnel; Planning, Building and Zoning; and Transportation and Road Improvement committee meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

The Finance; Public Health and Safety; and Public Works and Utilities committee meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

**The flag-rotation ceremony is held at the Veterans' Memorial every Sunday at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Those wishing to make a donation for the perpetual maintenance of the Memorial may do so at the Village Hall, or by mailing a check to the Veterans' Memorial c/o the Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. The casket flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans' Memorial in the coming months. The Veterans' Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 411 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.*

April

Friday, April 1

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, April 3

- Veteran's Flag 80: Robert T. Wade, USAAF, WWII

Monday, April 4

- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Fire and Police Commission, 6 p.m. at PD
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

*Sunday, April 10

- Veteran's Flag 81: George A. Mally, Army, WWII

Monday, April 11

- Standing Committee, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.

*Sunday, April 17

- Veteran's Flag 82: Walter M. Ludtke, Army, WWII

Monday, April 18

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, April 24

- Veteran's Flag 83: William E. Petrella, Army, Vietnam
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.

Monday, April 25

- Standing Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

- Holocaust Remembrance Day, 6 p.m.

VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road

PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road

PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.

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Human Services.847-781-4850
Event Hotline847-252-5443

Village officials

Mayor

William D. McLeod

Trustees

Karen V. Mills
Anna Newell
Gary J. Pilafas
Gary G. Stanton
Michael Gaeta
Karen J. Arnet

Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

Village Manager

Eric J. Palm

Municipal facilities

*Visit our website for
online services.*

Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

Police Department

411 W. Higgins Road

Fire Administration

1900 Hassell Road

Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke

225 Flagstaff Lane

Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova

1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski

5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow

Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Avenue

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Hoffman Highlights

Oh, the places we've gone! In 2021, your Hoffman Highlights team visited many of the shops, restaurants, hotels and recreational facilities in the Village that make up our diverse business community. Hoffman Highlights are short video segments created to feature the many wonderful and unique businesses in the community. Each video will transport you to each of these fabulous places, too. We hope that you are encouraged enough to enjoy visiting them with your friends and family.

If you have suggestions for local places you would like the Hoffman Highlights team to visit, please send us your suggestions and we'll take a tour together! Contact Kevin Kramer, Economic Development Director, at kevin.kramer@hoffmanestates.org or Linda Scheck, Director of Tourism, at linda.scheck@hoffmanestates.org.

Please visit the Village of Hoffman Estates YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/HoffmanEstatesIL to view Hoffman Highlights videos featuring the following businesses:

Episode 1: Dick Pond Athletics, Willow Creek Recreation Center, Crank Revolution

Episode 2: Paris Nails, Hilton Garden Inn, Hunan Beijing

Episode 3: The Club at Prairie Stone, Hideaway Brew Garden, Holiday Inn Express and Suites

Episode 4: Escape Room, Garibaldi's, Hyatt Place

Episode 5: The Assembly, Esports Zone, Poplar Creek Bowl

